

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A compound of the formula  $R^1 \cdot [(AO)_n \cdot R^2]_m$  (I) where:  $R^1$  is the residue of a group having at least m active hydrogen atoms; AO is an alkylene oxide residue; each n is independently from 1 to 100; m is at least 2; and each  $R^2$  is independently H, a  $C_1$  to  $C_{21}$  hydrocarbyl, or an acyl group  $-OC.R^3$ , where  $R^3$  is a  $C_1$  to  $C_{21}$  hydrocarbyl group, wherein on average greater than one of the  $R^2$  groups is or comprises a  $C_4$  to  $C_{21}$  hydrocarbyl group comprising at least two ethylenic double bonds. The compounds are particularly suitable for use in preparing aqueous emulsions or dispersions of resins and polymers, especially alkyd resins.